

WOMAN HANDLES WIRELESS.

World's First Female Operator Here on the Mohawk—Miss Graynella Packer.

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Miss Graynella Packer, the first woman wireless telegraph operator in the world, arrived in Charleston yesterday aboard the Clyde steamship Mohawk from New York. This is Miss Packer's first trip as operator, and owing to the fact that she is the first woman ever placed in control of the wireless apparatus on an ocean liner, a whole lot of attention has been centred on her.

Shortly after the Mohawk docked yesterday morning, a reporter went aboard, and asked to be directed to Miss Packer's room. There stood a very pretty, dainty little lady of about 22 summers, dressed in a neat walking skirt, and a hat of the most stylish make. The expected uniform was not in evidence, nor was the air of masculinity, which would so naturally be expected from a woman bearing the responsibilities of a man's position. After introducing himself to the wireless operator, the reporter adjourned with the lady to the social hall, where a conversation could be conducted to better advantage.

**Prey of the Camera Men.**  
"Do you know," said Miss Packer, "I never before realized that there were so many newspaper men in this world. I was very much surprised to see that my pictures were in all of the newspapers, and I really don't see what I have done that such a fuss should be made over me. When the Mohawk was ready to leave New York, there must have been twenty-five or thirty reporters there, and there were ten camera men, all requesting me to pose for my picture. I obliged one or two of them; but soon found that I would have to pose for hours for them, and stopped."

"As to my work—I am fascinated by it. While this is my first trip as an employe of the Clyde Line, I have made seventeen complete trips on the line, and it was on these trips that I first became enamoured of the wireless work."

**Used to be Telegrapher.**  
"I started the study of telegraphy in Jacksonville," said Miss Packer, "and was finally made the manager of the Postal Telegraph company's offices at Sanford, Fla. I was on a vacation trip from Florida to New York when I first started to learn anything about the wireless work. I watched the operators at their business, and gradually learned almost all there was to learn, for my previous experience in the shore work, made it comparatively easy. However, the first time I ever seriously considered taking up the work was last June, when I was on my way to New York to take up a vocal course. I found that I had, by observation, almost mastered the use of the instrument, and since I went North last June, I have been studying with the manager of the United Wireless Company at No. 42 Broadway. I tried to get with the Clyde Line because of the fact that I have relations in both New York and Jacksonville, my mother living at the latter place, so that I will have some home life at each end of my run."

**First Trip a Busy One.**  
"This work is different from the land work," the young lady continued, warming to her subject, "and some of the best of the shore operators can never master the wireless work. The work requires much more concentration on the part of the person sending and receiving the messages. Besides, while there are no specified hours for us, there is but one operator on each boat. My berth is right in the wireless room, and I go to bed at night with the little receivers near my bedside, and awake nearly once every hour during the night to listen for messages. This trip was a specially busy one for me, as there were, in addition to the company's business, many communications to and from passengers on board. However, the passengers and employes all treated me with a world of courtesy, and I am wholly delighted."

**Not Yet a Suffragette.**  
"Am I a suffragette?" she said, in reply to a question. "Well, not exactly. To be very frank, I have been too busy with my work to pay any attention to such things as suffrage. I am naturally rather domestic in my tastes; but have drifted into this life and now I wouldn't change if I had the chance."

Miss Packer was born in Philadelphia, but claims Florida as her home, as she was reared there. "I don't know how the reporters ever came to say I was 22 years of age," she said laughingly, "and I don't think that I will tell you exactly how old I am. I'll leave you to guess from my appearance."

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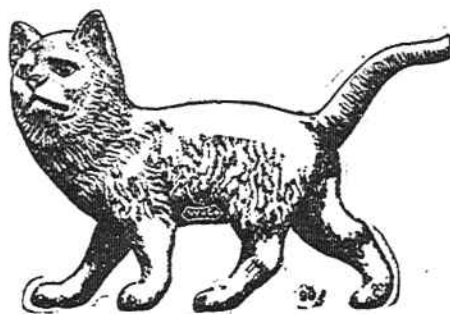
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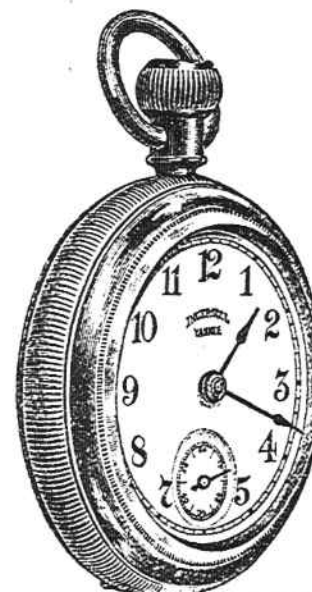
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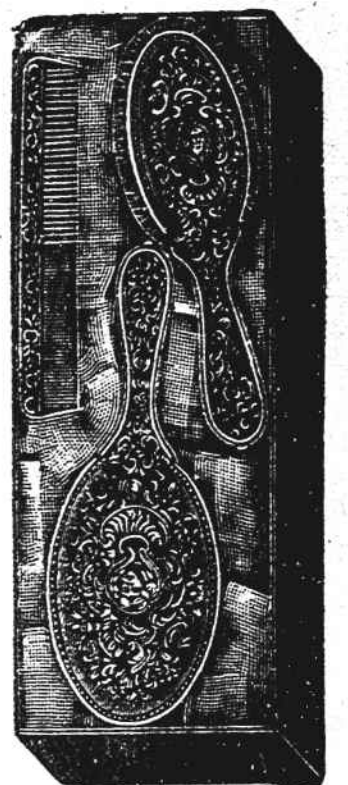
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